



US Army Corps
Of Engineers
Walla Walla District
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

Public Notice of Application for Permit

APPLICATION NO: NWW No. 031200900

APPLICANT: Michael Schlepp

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 18, 2003

21-Day Notice

COMMENTS DUE DATE: September 8, 2003

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plans.

APPLICANT - Mr. Michael Schlepp, 26175 South Highway 3, Cataldo, Idaho 83810, telephone 208-689-3593. For information from the Corps of Engineers, contact Mr. Gregg A. Rayner at 208-765-7256.

LOCATION - Coeur d'Alene River, Sec. 14, T.48N., R.2W., Boise Meridian, Lane, Idaho USGS Quadrangle, about 5.5 miles southwest of Rose Lake in Kootenai County, Idaho.

WORK - Discharge 1,861 cubic yards of 8-inch minus rock and willow/dogwood cuttings.

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD - Applicant proposes to start construction on October 1, 2003 and anticipates the project would take 1 month to complete. The permit would authorize construction for a period of 3 years.

PURPOSE - To stabilize and prevent erosion of the riverbank.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - The applicant states the Natural Resources Conservation Service, through their Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), is funding this project. The proposed work would be done in the dry following annual drawdown of Coeur d'Alene Lake. Rock would be placed from the land with a trackhoe/excavator, or from the water with a clamshell working from a barge. The rock would be placed from 2 feet below to 1 foot above the summer water level. The applicant states that his riverbank property is being eroded by wave action predominantly from boat wakes.

AREA DESCRIPTION - The Coeur d'Alene River at the project site is within the pool of Coeur d'Alene Lake, and water level is affected by the operation of the Avista dam at Post Falls, Idaho. The river is approximately 200 feet wide in the project area. The riverbank along the project is nearly vertical and roughly 6 feet high. Riparian vegetation along the project reach is sparse and within a very narrow band along the top of the bank. The land on top of the bank is predominantly a hay and pasture field. The soils in the project area are described

as "slickens" in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Kootenai County soil survey. These consist mainly of mine tailings and alluvium from yearly overflow.

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS - Other authorizations obtained or requested include, but are not necessarily limited to: Encroachment Permit from the Idaho Department of Lands.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION - This will also serve as public notice that Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is evaluating whether to certify that the discharges of dredged and fill material proposed for this project will not violate existing water quality standards. A Department of the Army permit will not be issued until water quality certification has been issued or waived by the State of Idaho, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If water quality certification is not issued, waived or denied within 60 days of this public notice date, and an extension of this period is not granted to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, certification will be considered waived. Comments concerning certification for this project should be mailed to: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 2110 Ironwood Parkway, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814.

CULTURAL RESOURCES - Coordination is currently being conducted with the office of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer to determine if this activity will affect a site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a site that may be eligible for listing on the Register.

ENDANGERED SPECIES - Coordination is currently being conducted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to determine if the activity will have any effect on species designated as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, or their critical habitat.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Preliminary review indicates that the activity will not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Comments provided will be considered in preparation of an Environmental Assessment.

AUTHORITY - This permit will be issued or denied under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

EVALUATION - The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, our evaluation will include application of the EPA Guidelines (40 CFR 230) as required by Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water

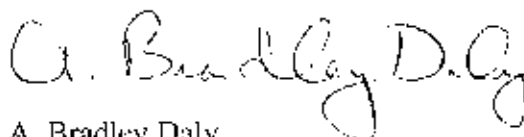
quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

PUBLIC HEARING - Any person may request in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this proposed activity. Requests for a public hearing shall state specific reasons for holding a public hearing.

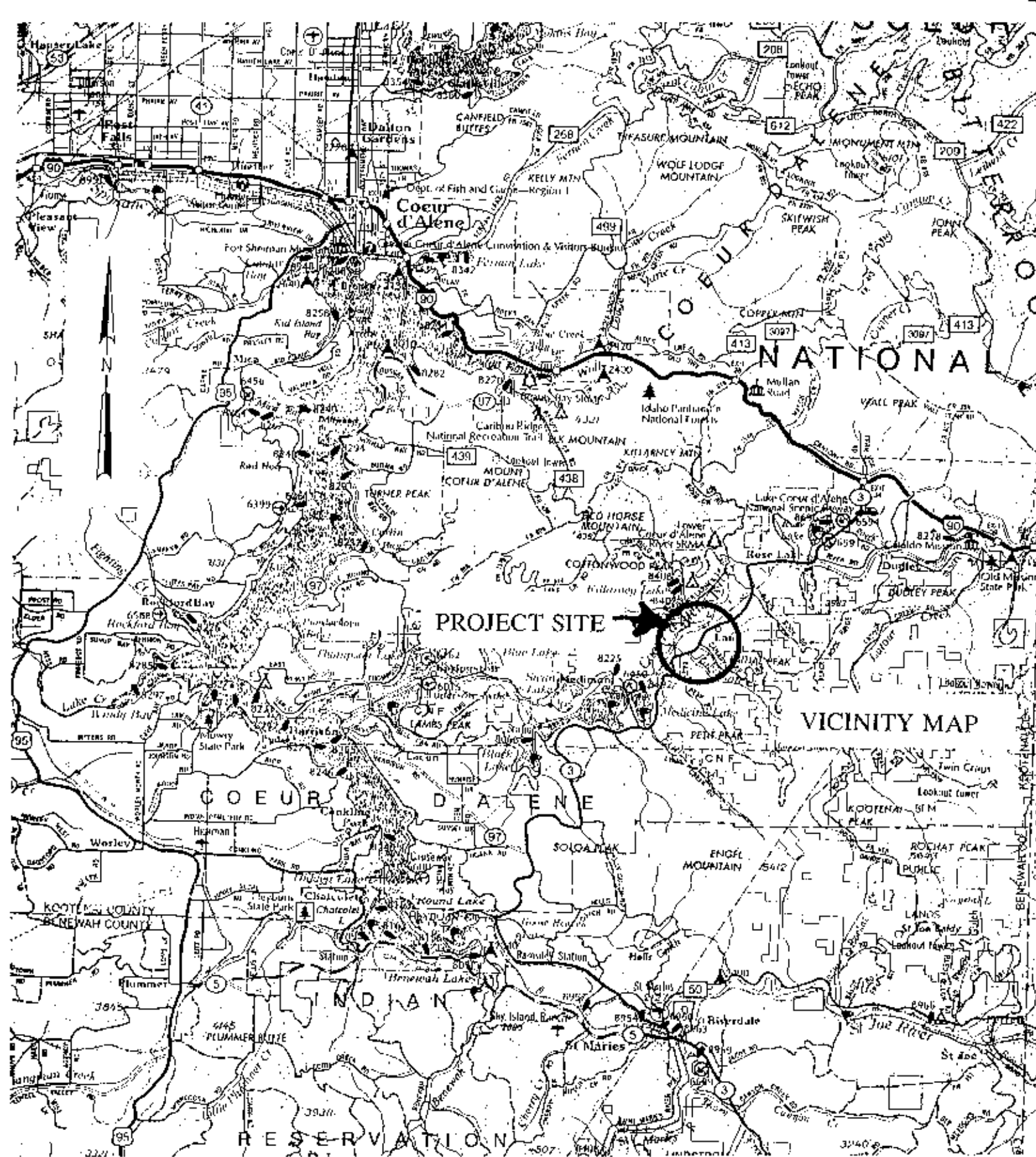
COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD - Interested parties are invited to provide their comments on the proposed activity, which will become a part of the record and will be considered in the decision. **Comments should be mailed to:**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Coeur d'Alene Regulatory Office
Idaho Panhandle National Forest Building
3815 Schreiber Way
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815-8363**

Comments should be received not later than the comments due date of this notice to receive consideration.

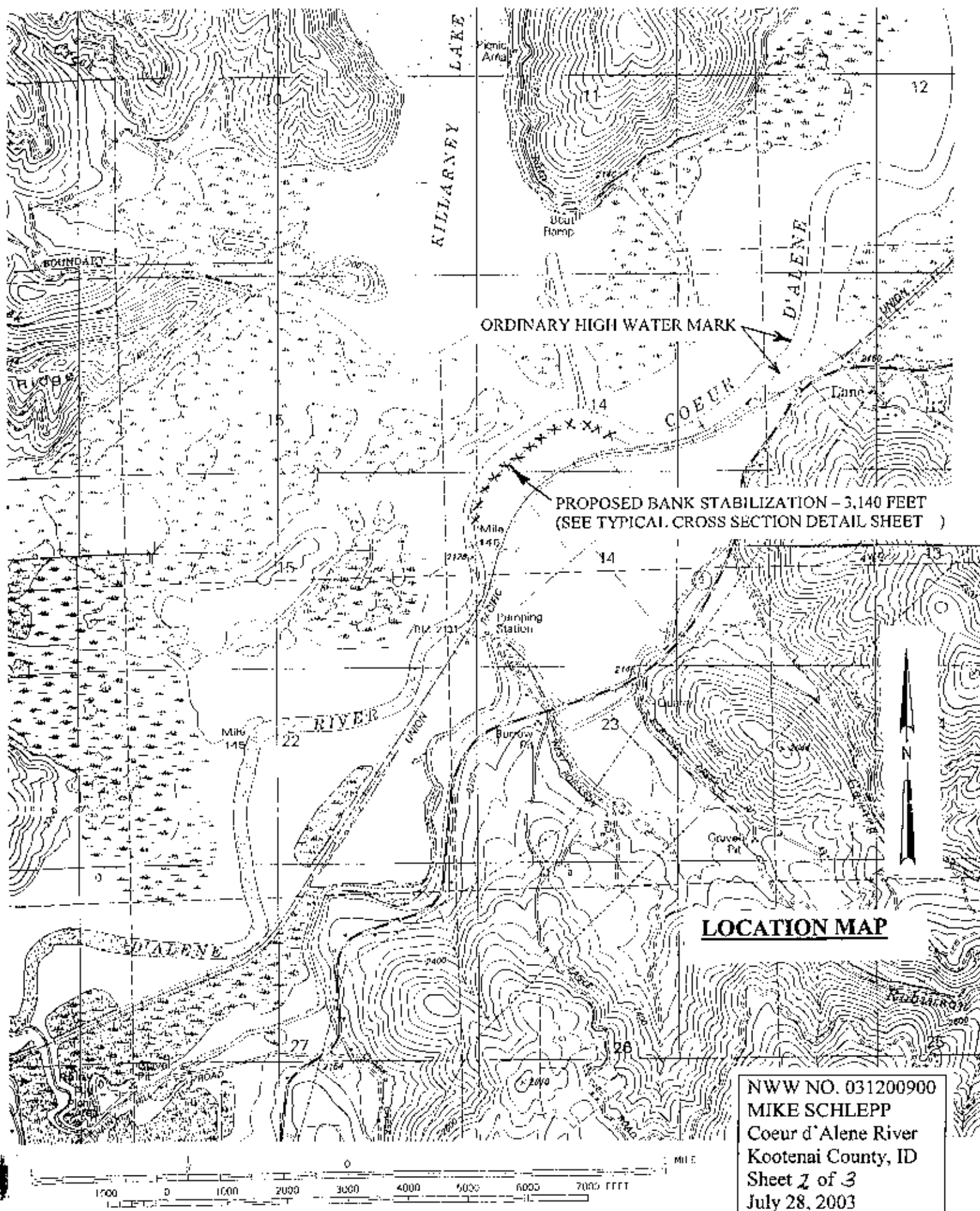
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A. Bradley Daly
Chief, Regulatory Branch

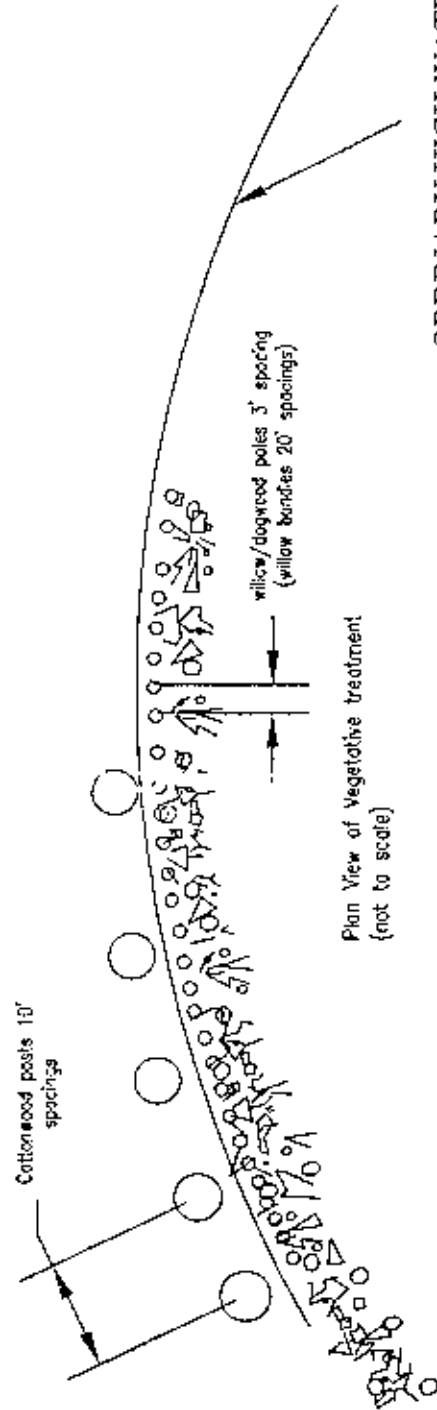
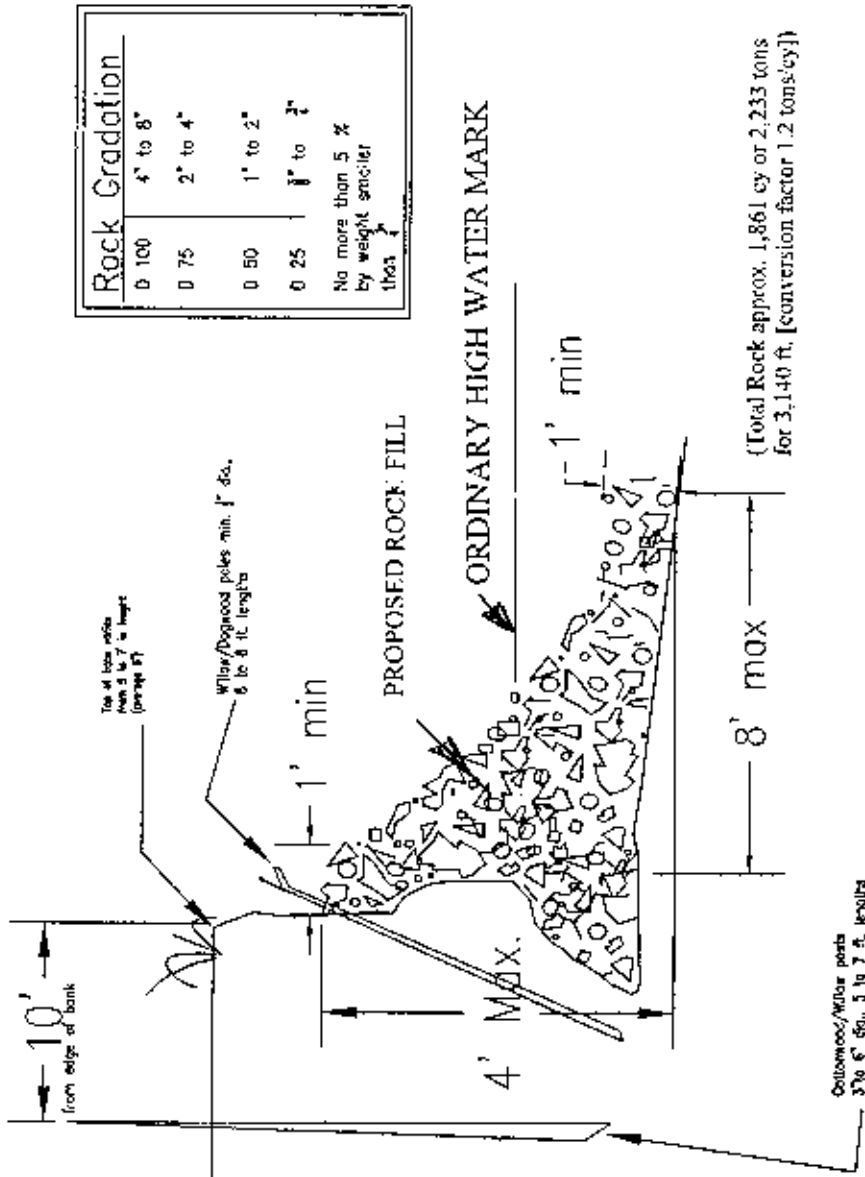


VICINITY MAP

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Typical Cross Section for Rock Placement Type 1



Notes:

1. Install by method that does not segregate small rocks from large.
2. Clumps of bank slough may be tucked into undercut as well as rock materials.
3. Tamp as necessary to assure all voids are filled.
4. No pilings or rooted woody vegetation will be removed or disturbed. Rock will be placed behind pilings and around the vegetation.
5. Placement of willows/dogwood behind rock will be required the entire length of the project on 3' spacings. In unvegetated or sparse areas along project area cottonwood/willow posts will be placed on 10' spacing set 10' back from bank edge as flagged in the field.
6. Prior to construction all elevations, beginning and ends for rock riprap reaches, and areas requiring vegetative plantings will be set and flagged by NRCS engineers. Bench marks will be placed on each side of the river.
7. NRCS will provide inspection to project, however, quality control and meeting design specifications is the sole responsibility of the contractor.
8. Stable end points will follow anchor point detail design. To minimize excavation, rock placement will tie into existing rock, root wads/woody vegetation and well vegetated banks whenever possible to act as anchor points.

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ORDINARY HIGH WATER MARK